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SUBJECT: W/W: THREE KIDNAPPED AMCITS

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1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT REF A, AF/C COUNTRY DIRECTOR CALLED BURUNDI AMBASSADOR NDABANIWE MAY 24 TO EXPRESS DEPARTMENT'S STRONG HOPE THAT GRB WILL PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION IN SEARCH FOR MISSING STUDENTS. DIRECTOR STRESSED THAT, BECAUSE WE AS YET HAD NO INDICATION OF STUDENTS' WHEREABOUTS, WE WERE URGING ALL GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO LOCATE KIDNAP VICTIMS. DIRECTOR NOTED THAT OUR EMBASSY IN BUJUMBURA WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN TOUCH WITH GRB ON THIS MATTER AND ASKED NDABANIWE TO

CONVEY TO HIS GOVT. IMPORTANCE TO US OF GRB'S CLOSE COOPERATION.

2. LATER MAY 24, FOLLOWING RECEIPT REF A, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY CALLED NDABANIWE TO SAY THAT SINCE AF/C DIRECTOR'S CALL WE HAD RECEIVED DISTURBING MESSAGE FROM OUR AMBASSADOR IN BUJUMBURA. MULCAHY BRIEFLY DESCRIBED CONTACTS WITH MANGONA REPORTED REF A, FOCUSSED ON LATTER'S REFUSAL TO GO ALONG WITH REQUEST FOR RADIO BROADCAST, AND SAID THAT WE WERE PUZZLED AND TROUBLED BY GRB FAILURE TO COOPERATE IN A CASE OF SUCH CLEAR HUMANITARIAN CONCERN. HE NOTED INTENSE INTEREST IN CASE ON PART OF RELATIVES OF

VICTIMS, PRESS AND CONGRESS AND SAID THAT WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF AMBASSADOR WOULD COMMUNICATE TO HIS GOVERNMENT OUR STRONG WISH FOR ITS COOPERATION.

3. IN REPLY, NDABANIWE SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND SYMPATHIZED WITH OUR CONCERN. HE SAID THAT RADIO MESSAGE SEEMED A SIMPLE THING TO ASK AND THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY OUR REQUEST HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED. HE PROMISED TO TRY IMMEDIATELY TO REACH MANGONA BY PHONE AND TO KEEP TRYING THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND UNTIL HE GOT HIM. KISSINGER

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